

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE, 2007

Dear Beloved Members and Friends,

Some folks proclaim that they are self-made people. They claim that no one gave them anything. They pulled themselves up by their own bootstraps. Everything they have they earned with their own two hands, they say. If one investigates thoroughly, I contend there is no such individual as a self-made person.

Others will say that they are man-made people. In most of the speeches I've heard at graduation ceremonies, I have heard graduates speak about being man-made people. Most of the graduates who gave speeches thanked their parents, teachers, professors, administrators, coaches, and all people who helped them to graduate. Most graduates who spoke expressed the humility to acknowledge that some other people helped them to be the persons they had become. They acknowledged and thanked people who helped them to accomplish their academic achievements.

There are persons that recognize themselves as God-made people. The Apostle Paul recognized and proclaimed himself as a God-made man. (1 Cor. 15:10) Paul wrote, *"but by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."* Paul acknowledged that he was the man he was by God's grace.

You are a God-made person. God justified you by His grace in Holy Baptism. God saved you by grace through faith in Jesus. You are God's workmanship created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared for you to do. By the grace of God you are the person you are today.

Jesus is a God-made Man. Jesus is God. God accredited Jesus to people by miracles. By His set foreknowledge and purpose, God handed Jesus over to His enemies to be crucified. God raised Jesus from the dead. God exalted Jesus to His right hand and gave Him the Holy Spirit. God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

The Holy Spirit made Jesus your Lord when you were baptized in His name. The Spirit made Jesus your Christ by calling you to faith in Him through the gospel. Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be your Prophet, Priest, and King. Thank and praise our Triune God!

May God bless you and your family during this month of June and always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Pastor Terry Nelson

The summer worship time of 9:30 a.m. begins on Sunday, June 10 , and continues through the summer months.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

The next Contemporary Worship Service will be held on Sunday, June 3, at 9:15 a.m. All are invited to join in this praise and worship service. Consider singing with the Praise Team in the fall. Contact Matt & Kindsey Nelson at 248-943-2985. Contemporary services will not be held in July and August.

CHOIR

Thank you to our dedicated CHOIR members for serving the Lord through song. Our year-end dinner will be held at *The Bistro* in South Lyon on Wed., June 13, at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes and Adult Bible Study held their final sessions for the school year on Sunday, May 20. They will resume in the fall. *Thank you* to our dedicated Sunday School teachers: Julie Mattison, Marci Wasilko, Amy Lockard, Karen Hantz, Lisa Pogarch, Jim Wadkins, and to Angie Baker, our Sunday School Superintendent.

We are in need of a SUNDAY SCHOOL Superintendent for the 2007-08 school year. If you would like more information or can help out, please see Pastor Nelson.

CROSS OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

"Preschool With a Plus"

The Lord provided our preschool a great year with full enrollment and many blessings. We thank our Director – Teacher Janelle Lach and our Aides – Marci Wasilko, Julie Mattison, Kathy Goodenow, Kelly Nuttall, and Kathy Saven. Our entire staff plans on returning in the fall of 2007.

A limited number of openings remain in our afternoon three year old class and afternoon four year old class. Pass the word on to friends and family.

CONGREGATION MEETING

A Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, May 20. It was voted to request re-amortization of our current church mortgage, which will reduce our monthly mortgage payment by about half for the next year. Our mortgage will need to be refinanced in August of 2008.

THANK YOU

. . . . to our Trustees and all who came out to help at the Annual Spring Clean Up.

We appreciate your help in keeping our building and grounds looking great.

ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

Our profit for the annual flower sale was \$100 this year. We lost a large number of flats due to a freeze one evening, but we're thankful it didn't happen before the actual sale on Saturday. THANK YOU to Mike & Sherry Bugar for organizing this fund raiser for the past fifteen years. Many funds have been raised and many enjoyable hours put into the event. THANK YOU to Werner Landscaping and the Hamlet family for providing beautiful, quality flowers!

Matching Funds is being applied for through THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS in the amount of \$100. (Nicole Harmon is our local Thrivent representative and can help you with all of your financial needs. Reach her at:

734-432-7777 or

Nicole.harmon@thrivent.com

WOMEN'S OUTREACH

Our recent FLEA MARKET raised \$863. Thank you to all who helped work the sale and donated items for the flea market. All items left over were donated to Active Faith for their rummage sale. Matching Funds in the amount of \$500 have also been received from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Women's Outreach will not meet for a few months, but plan to meet in August to prepare for our second annual *Antique & Collectible Appraisal Fair*, scheduled for Saturday, October 13. (Set aside items this summer to have appraised in October.)

Women's Outreach is also hosting a BABY SHOWER for Aaron & Christina Nelson on Sunday, July 1, after our 9:30 a.m. worship service. SIGN UP on the Information Center Board or call the church office if you are able to attend. (*Aaron & Christina are registered at "Babies R Us" and "Target."*)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Amanda Bertera Priscilla Byrum
2	Mark Earl Nicole Eckhout
3	Delores Barber
4	Bradley Miller
6	Robert Petz
7	Maureen Brown
9	Annie Nichols
10	Chris Barnes Jen Gorman
12	Sherri Harman
13	Jennifer Besler Nancy Cash
14	David Arvo
16	William Gables
17	Alyssa Petz Devon Walrath
18	Thelma Chaklosh Scott Walrath
19	Janice Opfermann
20	Brian Flook David Nelson Peter Banchoff
24	Jack Gremel
26	Noah Petz Jesse Precht
28	Carol Erb Hailey Lanam
29	Zachary Tisher
30	Leona Hart

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

3	Albert & Virginia Massoll
4	William & Patricia Hicks
5	Dustin & Tammy Wyman
6	Scott & Martina Walrath
10	Matthew & Virginia Chambo
13	Ronald & Bonnie Reichert
16	Ken & Lyne Nelson
17	Bruce & Joy Mach Kenneth & Susan Miller
19	Richard & Jane Hibbard
22	Alec & Thelma Chaklosh
23	Robert & Carol Walrath
25	Russell & Carol Erb
29	Richard & Linda Hare
30	Michael & Claudia Abrash

MEMBERSHIP

BAPTISMS:

- + + Mason Alexander Ditto
April 29, 2007
Child of Dean & Deborah Ditto
- + + Paige Alisa Sterling
May 13, 2007
Child of Brent & Lisa Sterling
- + + Luke Alexander Nelson
May 13, 2007
Child of Matthew & Kindsey Nelson

WELCOMED MAY 20, 2007:

- + + Aaron & Rachel Zoeller
Asher & Cale
- + + Warner Krause
- + + David & Denise Gerke,
Austin & Deirdre

TRANSFERS IN:

- + + + Scott & Tamara Lanam,
Austin, Hailey, and Kirsten
From Christ the King, Southgate, MI

MEMORIALS

+ + In memory of Clara Brooks, a gift has been given for *LSB Hymnals*, by Donald & Joann Stolz.

+ + In memory of Lynn Nichols Zurek, a gift has been given for *VBS* by Neil & Annie Nichols.

AREA NEWS

THRIVENT FINANCIAL for Lutherans is a unique, Fortune 500 organization that is committed to excellence in financial services and caring for others. To better serve the needs of even more Lutherans, we are looking for talented professionals to grow our local financial representative team. Don't just work, work with purpose as a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Visit www.thrivent.com/careers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

DATES are available to sign up for ALTAR FLOWERS. Vases are available for \$16 each and can be taken home after the worship services. (Two vases are available each Sunday; you do not need to purchase both vases.)

NAME TAGS

We encourage our members to wear the name tags on Sunday mornings provided in their mail boxes. (Most members have been provided a name tag. Please inform Chris if you are in need of one.) We thank the Board of Evangelism for providing our new name tags. Visitors will be invited to wear a disposable name tag, provided on the table as you enter.

WEB PAGE

Throughout the month, you can go online to check out our church's web page:

www.crossofchristlutheran.org

The Calendar and Newsletter are available each month on this web site. Also, if you would prefer this newsletter be emailed to you, rather than mailed, email us at crosslut@bignet.net.

BIG BOY CARD

Check your church mail box for a punch card made available to you from *Big Boy* in South Lyon. Additional cards are available in the church office. Once the card is punched, Cross of Christ receives \$3.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Money Cannot Buy . . .

Stewardship of money relates to every phase of life. How we manage, use, and give our money indicates our spiritual maturity.

- Money cannot buy character, but it is a strong determining factor in the development of character.
- Money cannot save lost souls, but it can help send the saving message of the Gospel to them.
- Money cannot buy happiness, but the right use of it brings joy.
- Money cannot buy contentment, but the right attitude toward it provides contentment.
- Money cannot buy wisdom, but the wise person will save and invest money to make it grow.
- Money cannot create a generous spirit, but a faithful person will give generously.
- Money cannot bring riches, but it can be used to help people find true riches in their Savior.
- Money cannot buy love, but the giving of money can express love.
- Money cannot buy faith, but the wise use of and the giving of money demonstrates faith.
- Money cannot buy an abundant life, but the giving of money causes abundant living.

Vacation Bible School
July 23 - 27, 2007
9 a.m. - Noon

Group's "Avalanche Ranch" -
A wild ride through God's Word

- I can help prepare crafts at home before VBS.
- I can be a Class Assistant the week of VBS.
- I can help at the Registration table on Monday, July 23.
- I can help pass out Snacks to the children.
- I can help lead Songs at Music time.
- I can help with Bible Story telling.
- I can help the children with Crafts the week of VBS.
- I can help with recreation.

Mail to the church office or return in the box provided in the
Gathering Hall.

VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held July 23 -27, 2007, for children four years old to going into sixth grade. Make your vacation plans around VBS. Many helpers are needed to provide this outreach. *Each year we reach about 200 children with the Gospel!* Fill in the "Help" sheet above and mail to the church office. REGISTRATION forms are available on the Gathering Hall table and one is included with this newsletter. *We are especially in need of class leaders this year. Leaders take a group of children from one station to another - crafts, Bible story, music, recreation, snack, etc.*

*Come join us at
Vacation Bible School!*

JULY 23-27, 2007

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - Noon

Ages: 4 yrs (or one year of preschool)

to

going into 6th grade

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*Please pre-register by filling out one registration form for each child and placing it in the box provided, or mail to the church office - at the above address. **A \$10 Materials Fee is due with each registration.***

CHILD'S NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____ GRADE GOING INTO IN FALL _____

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS _____

(Please send in instructions for staff, epi pens, etc.)

PARENTS' NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____ WORK # _____

CELL PHONE _____

CHILD CAN BE RELEASED TO (*other than parent*) _____

PARENTS' CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+ Indicates Holy Communion					1 6:30pm Reichert Rehearsal	2 5:00pm Reichert Wedding
3 8:00am Worship 9:15am Contemporary Worship 10:30am Worship	4 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30am Worship +	11 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm Trustees	12	13 7:00pm Choir Dinner (Bistro in S. Lyon)	14 <i>Pastor Nelson's Vacation</i>	15 <i>Pastor Nelson's Vacation</i>	16 <i>Pastor Nelson's Vacation</i> Sieting grad. Party
17 Father's Day 9:30am Worship (<i>Pastor Kinne</i>)	18 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers <i>Pastor Nelson's Vacation</i>	19 7:00pm Church Council <i>Pastor Nelson's Vacation</i>	20 <i>Pastor Nelson's Vacation</i>	21	22	23
24 9:30am Worship +	25 5:30 & 6:30pm Weight Watchers	26	27	28	29	30

